

BEFORE THE
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

Northern Illinois Gas Company D/B/A)	
Nicor Gas Company)	
Proposed general increase in rates,)	Docket No. 04-0779
)	
and revisions to other terms and)	
conditions of service.)	

**PRETRIAL MEMORANDUM OF BUSINESS ENERGY ALLIANCE AND
RESOURCES, LLC**

Pursuant to the order of the Administrative Law Judges, Business Energy Alliance and Resources, LLC (“BEAR”) hereby provides the following pretrial memorandum:

1. A brief statement identifying any uncontested facts and any stipulations

BEAR and Nicor have entered into an agreement for a new service applicable to customers with minimal winter use. The product of that agreement was attached to the testimony of Ms. B.J. Hilton as proposed tariffs. Mr. Harms filed rebuttal testimony, agreeing that those rates were accurate. The new rates are Rate 5, Seasonal Use Service and its companion transportation rate, Rate 75, Seasonal Use Transportation Service. They are Nicor Exhibit 27.4.

2. Each uncontested issue, potentially including the test year and stipulated elements of rate base, operating revenue and expense adjustments; or rate design

See response to item 1.

3. For each and every contested issue in which you are taking a position, a brief statement which provides all of the following:

- (a) the nature of the issue;*
- (b) important facts;*
- (c) a brief summary of your primary arguments;*
- (d) identification of your witnesses offering testimony; and*
- (e) the revenue requirement impact or other relief if your position is adopted;*

There are no contested issues affecting BEAR.

4. A table or list identifying all proposed adjustments, whether contested or not, by name and amount, the witness sponsoring the proposal, and the impact if adopted

There will be no revenue requirement effect from the adoption of any of the adoption of the new rate agreed to by BEAR and Nicor.

5. A list of acronyms and terms to be used at trial, with corresponding definitions.

BEAR did not use any acronyms in its testimony.

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Respectfully submitted,
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